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TO : NEA - Mr. William M. Rountree

DATE: October 3, 1956

FROM : NE - Fraser Wilkins *FW*

SUBJECT: Call by Saudi Arabian Ambassador

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Discussion:

His Excellency Abdullah Al-Khayyal, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, will call on you at 3 p.m. today. He requested the appointment for "a general review" of current Saudi Arabian-U.S. relations.

Issues which the Ambassador has mentioned recently in informal conversations and may be likely to raise are:

1. The Suez issue: He has had only a summary of the King's latest message to the President and may be interested in the full text (Tab A).

2. The Buraimi issue: [REDACTED]

3. Arms: The Ambassador has raised informally the question of why the U.S. agreed to Canada's sale of F-86 aircraft to Israel. As you know, Saudi Arabia has also requested F-86s from the United States. Mr. Shalfan of the Embassy inquired recently, also, about "routine" shipments going to Israel.

4. Israel-Jordan border incidents: The Ambassador has expressed the feeling that the United States has not indicated with sufficient strength its concern over the Israeli attacks on the Jordan border.

Recommendations:

That, if the Ambassador raises questions on the above subjects, you:

1. Give him the substance of the King's latest message and state that it has gone to the White House for consideration and reply.
2. State that we appreciate the manner in which Saudi Arabia has kept us informed on the Buraimi issue and inquire about Azzem Pasha's current plans.
3. Inform him that, while the Canadians informed us of their intent, the F-86 sale was a decision by the Canadian Government and that there has

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been no change in our policy regarding arms for Israel. If the question of arms for Saudi Arabia is raised, you might state that this question is currently under discussion [REDACTED] [REDACTED] b(4)
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4. Tell the Ambassador that we view with deep concern violations of the cease-fire by both sides, that we have made known our own views to the governments concerned and that we hope that the UN machinery may be able to preserve calm on the border. Also, in his press conference of September 26, the Secretary stated he deplored and regretted the outbreak of additional border incidents.

Attachments:

- (Tab A) - Dhahran's telegram 125.
- (Tab B) - Summary of Saudi Note to British.

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